

izing or performing the marriage ceremony shall give such notice; any such person neglecting or refusing to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth, marriage or death, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars.

Penalty

Ibid s 4  
Duty of  
physicians

4. Any physician having attended a person during his or her last illness, shall when requested, within fifteen days after the decease of such person, forthwith furnish information of the duration of the last sickness, the disease of which the person died or cause of death, and the date of the decease as nearly as he can state the same.

Ibid s. 5.  
Of sextons,  
coroners, un-  
dertakers, &c.

5. Every sexton, coroner, undertaker or other person, having charge of the obsequies or funeral rites, preliminary to the interment of the body of a stranger or friendless person, shall forthwith obtain and return to the clerk aforesaid of the county or city in which the deceased resided or the death occurred, the facts required by this act to be recorded by said officer concerning the deceased; any person neglecting or refusing to make such return within one month thereafter shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars.

Penalty

Ibid. s. 6  
Notice may be  
given to jus-  
tices.

6. The notice required to be furnished by sections three and five according to section one, may for greater convenience be deposited with any justice of the peace residing in the election district wherein the birth, marriage or death takes place, and it shall be the duty of the said justices of the peace to transmit the same to said clerk every three months.

Duty of same.

Ibid s 7  
Certified copies  
to be transmit-  
ted to secretary  
of senate.

7. The clerk of the court aforesaid shall annually on or before the first day of February transmit to the secretary of the senate certified copies of the records of the births, marriages and deaths, which shall have occurred in said county or city during the year ending on the thirty-first of December preceding.

Ibid s. 8.  
Record of  
births, &c.,  
evidence.

8. The records of the clerks of said courts relative to any births, marriages or deaths shall be *prima facie* evidence in legal proceedings of the facts re-